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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Death of Mrs. Virginia Watson. City Delivery Soon to Begin. Joint Session of Union.

Our town was deeply saddened on Thursday when it became known that Mrs. Virginia Watson was dead, this good woman having passed to her reward during the morning hours.

For many years she had been very frail and suffered attacks, each of which would seem as if it would prove fatal. On Wednesday morning was the first symptoms of illness.

During all her years of frailty, the devotion of her children was beautiful, especially so, the attention of her seven daughters, all noble, Christian women, and enduring monuments of a Christian mother's training. Mrs. Watson was a beautiful type of Christian womanhood, modest and unassuming, and ever strove to do the will of her Father.

She was a most faithful member of the Baptist church, being where she always worshiped, until she made her home here about five years ago.

She was the widow of the late Mr. James Watson, and was the mother of eleven children, one son, Mr. Henry Watson, having died last year. The children are Mrs. Luther Lott, Americus, Ga., Messdames J. Neal Lott, Fletcher Wright, Oscar W. Padgett, Shelton Sawyer, Spann Toney, and Miss May Watson, and Messrs. S. J. Watson, Edgar Watson and Luther Watson. She leaves one sister, Mrs. Bennett of Greenville, and brother, Mr. Edd Holland of Ga. The sons and son-in-laws acted as pall bearers.

A beautiful service was conducted in the home by her pastor, Rev. W. S. Brooke, assisted by Revs. Kester and Thacker. There were many beautiful flowers sent by sorrowing friends and from several organizations.

The interment was made at Spann church cemetery, where other beloved ones are buried.

The postal authorities have completed all arrangements for free delivery of mails, this to go into effect June 6.

There will be a delivery on Main street to the business houses at 8:30 and 9:30, following the north and south bound train arrivals, and again in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. A general delivery and collection of all boxes will be made once a day beginning at 9:30. There have already been many applicants for the position.

Mrs. W. D. Holland and children from Winston-Salem, are guests of relatives.

Dr. Chas. B. Jones of Columbia, will fill the pulpit of the Baptist church on Sunday morning.

Miss Marion Turner entertained 50 of her young friends on Thursday afternoon, this happy occasion being her eleventh birthday.

The bright, summer day, had all of the lassies and lads present, and the large lawn was an animated scene as they enjoyed themselves. While resting they made visits to the pergola where fruit punch was served. Later all were invited into the dining room where they were served with ice cream and pound cake. The table was very pretty in pink and green, a runner of pink with ferns outlining the table. At each end were baskets of pink flowers with fluffy pink bows, and in the center was a large heart-shaped cake with eleven green tapers burning. Many pretty gifts were given in remembrance of the occasion.

Mr. W. W. Satcher who has been sick for several weeks is now able to be up again.

Mrs. Spann of Leesville, has been visiting Mrs. B. T. Boatwright.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bodie of Batesburg, spent Friday here with relatives.

Mrs. Sallie Stanfield has returned to North Augusta after a visit to the home of her brother, Mr. J. M. Turner.

Mrs. M. W. Crouch visited relatives at Saluda last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Forrest and Mrs. Carrie Forrest spent Sunday here in the home of their cousin, Mr. Edwards. The latter has purchased a car which will now enable

An Appeal to American People From Across the Atlantic.

Sir George Parish, Editor of the London Statist and one of the best known economists in England, wrote a letter some time ago to an officer of one of the large banks in New York from which the following is taken:

"I have been endeavoring to form some sort of notion of the world's supplies of food both this season and next, and have come to the conclusion that if the American people will continue to help the world get through this time of great stress and strain by (one) growing as much food as possible and (two) themselves consuming no more than absolutely essential, the world will weather through, although the margin of safety will be very slender. Would it be possible for the ladies of America to start an economy campaign for the benefit of the women and children, not of Belgium only but practically of the whole world, for it is evident that many a poor family will not be able to buy food in the coming twelve or eighteen months in consequence of its dearth and scarcity unless those women who can afford to pay high prices voluntarily deny themselves and share the food which Providence provides with their poorer sisters? If they do this, then the heart of the world will beat with that Mother-love which is all powerful for good and which will prevent the recurrence of such a disaster as that now threatening the human race.

"The need of humanity is great." "The heart of America is also great."

them to make more visits to their friends.

Mrs. J. M. Turner is spending a few days in Leesville in the home of her niece, Mrs. Walter Hendrix. Mr. Turner and Misses Marion and Grace Turner spent Sunday there in this home.

Misses Eula and Ida Satcher have been visiting in Augusta in the home of their brother, Mr. Earnest Satcher.

On the second Sunday in May, Rev. Brooke will have been pastor of the Baptist church here one year, and he is planning to make this day an interesting one, and at the morning service will give statistics and a resume of the year's work.

The prayer meeting of Wednesday evening at the Baptist church was an unusually good and enjoyable one, the following program was arranged by Rev. Brooke:

Subject: Jesus' love for us, and how we may show our love for Him.

Hymn: Congregation. Selected Scripture Verses—Miss Virgie Courtney.

Prayer. Address: "How Jesus shows His Love to us—Mrs. P. N. Lott.

Vocal Duet—Mrs. F. S. Bland, Mr. Avery Bland.

Selected Scripture Verses—Mrs. Avery Bland.

Address: How we May Show Our Love to Jesus—Mrs. H. W. Dobey.

A Selected Reading—Mr. Shelton Sawyer.

Vocal Solo: Miss Sallie Heyward.

Hymn—Congregation.

Miss Helen Walker celebrated her 9th birthday on Saturday afternoon and 35 bright and happy children gathered at her home to help make merry the day. There is nothing so beautiful as to watch children in their sweet and innocent way, while the time away in amusements so dear to their hearts.

The large lawn afforded an ideal spot for this; and they indulged themselves to their hearts' content. While seated out on the lawn all enjoyed ice cream and cake. They lingered late, and the party ended in a joy ride for them all.

There will be a special joint session of the three Unions of the Ridge Association on Saturday and Sunday, 28-29 at Bethel church, this being about two miles from Monetta.

The sermon on Sunday will be preached by Dr. C. C. Brown, of Columbia. Rev. C. A. Jones will make an address along the lines of the forward movement in denominational colleges. Many other subjects will be discussed.

BETTIS ACADEMY.

Annual Commencement Exercises Held. Work Reviewed and Highly Commended. Several Addresses.

One of the oldest and most celebrated institutions for the education and development of the colored people of Edgefield county is Bettis Academy, named for the founder, Alex Bettis, a Baptist preacher of great influence among his race and highly respected by the white people.

From a small beginning with one hall, this school has grown to large proportions, and now there are seven commodious buildings on the grounds and all are filled each session with students who come from all parts of the surrounding country the number last year reaching six hundred. Besides the main hall, dormitories there are work shops and sewing rooms where practical arts, as furniture making, basket weaving, sewing and cooking are taught.

Having received invitations from the president, Alfred Nicholson, several of us availed ourselves of the opportunity to visit Bettis Academy on last Friday. The invitations stated that they were anxious for their white friends to come and see what they are trying to do and help the president in his endeavor to allay the feeling of unrest among the people, convincing them to stay on the farm rather than leave South Carolina with agents who were not concerned about their welfare like the white people among whom they had always lived.

A great crowd was gathered for the commencement exercises, many coming a long distance in wagons. Seats were reserved for the white people near the rostrum and after we were seated a chorus of half hundred voices sang the opening number, "America," keeping time with United States flags that they waved in their hands.

The hall was decorated with flowers from the woods, and around the platform were arranged specimens of the work in the industrial department. From trees that grew around the schools had been made tables, washstands, side-boards, and beautiful baskets woven of pine needles. The teacher said some of the boys had made wash-boards to take home as presents to their mothers.

The class in sewing had an exhibition shirt waists, aprons and dresses that would reflect credit on any teacher.

The program consisted of well written papers, plantation melodies and recitations, and in all there was heard the note of preparedness and the part the colored race should take in helping our country in the present crisis. One of the songs, "Stay on the Farm," was a representation of two boys with suit cases ready to leave the farm but who were persuaded by the group of friends around them to change their purpose.

Four girls had finished the prescribed course and received diplomas. Supt. W. W. Faller presenting them with words of commendation for the good work they had done.

Mr. J. L. Quinby of Graniteville, who is interested in the betterment of the colored race and willing to encourage them in their efforts introduced the white people on the platform, some responding with short talks. The president and faculty were congratulated on their wise management of the school and good sound advice was given them by experts in farming who explained the benefits to be derived from diversified crops for greater food supply. The importance of temperance was suggested to them and it was gratifying to know that president Nicholson makes a feature every year of pledge-signing day in the school and will not allow whisky or wine on the grounds among the students.

At the close of the exercises the white people were served a delightful dinner that had been specially prepared for them by the president's wife.

The guests were surprised and delighted with their visit to the academy, many not having realized its practical value not only to the colored race but as a means of furnishing trained service to the county and state. Bettis Academy has

RED OAK GROVE.

Farmers Realize Their Responsibility. Good Missionary Meeting Mothers' Day to be Observed.

I admire the manifestation of Mary's esteem for our Saviour. It is beautiful to respect our dead, but when it comes to extravagance, I have wondered; is it right? During our lives is the time to show our esteem, as Mary did. She knew our Saviour's death was near, she was moved to demonstrate her love in a most beautiful manner, while he was with her. Doubtless many sad hearts would be made to cheer up, many homes would be made happier, if we would follow the example so practically given.

The farmers everywhere seem almost in a turmoil. My sympathy goes out to farmers of today, for they begin to realize the seriousness of the situation, and their ambition has been moved to new endeavors. To feel the great responsibility of feeding the world's people is upon them, and to fail will be starvation, is sufficient to demand the best in our power to fulfill it. Sacrifice of blood, starvation for food—all these things are before us—topics of conversation. We read it, but really we are moved to believe, we should become reconciled and ever consider the hand of Providence behind it. It is inevitable, hence to become worried and grieved would be wrong: "He that is for us is mightier than those that are against us."

The Divisional meeting at Red Oak Grove, was not largely attended last Saturday, but has been pronounced as a good meeting. Our superintendent Mrs. J. M. Bussey acquitted herself with much ease and dignity, proving great interest in her work. We were so glad to see with us at the meeting so many from Red Hill, among them Mrs. Lula King, Mrs. Julia Prescott's mother. We always appreciate the presence of our elderly people, because none of us know how they, too, appreciate the privilege of being able to get out and enjoy the services and pleasant associations such gatherings afford.

There will be the annual observance of Mother's Day at Red Oak second Sunday in May. We will arrange a program for the occasion and feel glad to have the privilege of inserting Rev. J. A. Gaines' name thereon.

Mrs. Mamie Bussey is real sick at this writing, but hope she will soon be up again.

Griffis School Soon to Close With an Entertainment Good Work Done.

Dear Mr. Editor:

As there has not been any letter from our school I thought I would write one. We have only a few days more to go to school this session. Our teacher is Mrs. Maggie Burnett. We all love her very much. Our school will close Friday May 4, and an entertainment will be Friday night. We have had a very successful term. While we have only a small school, we feel that we have accomplished much. We would be very glad to have you, Mr. Editor, come to our entertainment.

The farmers are quite busy now planting, as they were kept back by the rain. Everyone seems more enthused over planting food stuff than they are cotton. I think that is the thing for them to do as we are facing a crisis which none of the young folk ever faced before.

Our community was saddened by the death of Mrs. Charlie Byrd last Sunday. She was buried at Gilgal. We extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved ones.

We have had a lot of sickness in our community.

School Girl.

Cleora, S. C.

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many friends among the white people, several counties being represented at the commencement.

Pleasant Occasion at Red Oak Grove.

The semi-annual meeting of the third division of the Edgefield W. M. U., met at Red Oak Grove on Saturday. The weather was propitious, and in spite of the busy season, the automobile, which never has to plow, was brought into requisition and a very good crowd was present.

If it had not been for the automobile, not more than a handful could have been present, and yet we do not mean to say that there were no horses and buggies in evidence. Although odes have been written to the old fashioned hitching post, and eulogies written as if these useful things had been consigned to antiquity, it will yet be many a day before the horse and buggy will not have a useful and important place in making successful gatherings.

Mrs. J. M. Bussey of Parksville, division president took charge of the meeting and the morning program was a very interesting one.

Reports were made from all the societies heard from in the division which includes the societies at Red Oak Grove, Modoc, Clarks Hill, Parksville and Plum Branch.

Mrs. Luther Timmerman welcomed the delegates, Mrs. Julia Prescott responded in the place of Mrs. Eugenia Middleton, whose absence as one of our earliest workers was greatly regretted. She was detained on account of illness in her family.

As the writer was not present until late in the morning session, there may have been other numbers left out, but if it is we are sure our faithful correspondent from Red Oak Grove will supply the deficiency in her news letter.

Mrs. J. L. Mims gave a resume of the half years' work and also urged the societies to try to be on the Honor Roll this year by reaching all the points on the standard of excellence.

Mrs. Mamie N. Tillman gave a comprehensive account of the Greenwood Institute. This was followed by a further interesting description of the occasion by Mrs. W. O. Whately, making special mention of the visit to the orphanage.

An invitation was extended by Mrs. Julia Prescott, president of the third division to Rehoboth on the first Sunday in May to this division meeting.

At the dinner hour a splendid lunch was laid for those present, and enough left, I believe, for the Sunday dinner next day.

The afternoon session was short but very helpful. A demonstration called "Excuses Conquered" was led by Mrs. Tillman assisted by ten ladies bringing some excuses for not being a member of a mission society, and each excuse was conquered by a verse from the Bible which she held in her hand.

Some of the unexpected friends whom we met were Mrs. Sallie Mims Andrews of Greenwood, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Mims, Miss McAfee of York who is teaching the school. She, with a number of other pretty girls of the community, walked to the meeting, a distance of two miles, rather than absent themselves on account of the lack of conveyance. No community will ever lack leaders for the mission societies which has such earnest and sensible young people.

One of the refreshing numbers of the program was a recitation by the sweet little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Timmerman.

The closing number was a discussion of problems, entered into by Mrs. Zelpha Thurmond, Mrs. Julia Prescott, Mrs. J. L. Mims, Mrs. J. M. Bussey, Mrs. J. T. Griffiths and others.

Play a Success.

The play and miscellaneous program which had been so enthusiastically arranged by Miss Marie Abney, was a great success, and about \$40.00 was cleared for the library.

The minstrels were said to have been the most humorous, and the whole entertainment the best of many good ones. Miss Abney has undertaken, so unselfishly for the library. The scene from Miss Minerva and William Green Hill was heartily applauded.

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HARDY'S HAPPENINGS.

Well Attended Missionary Meeting Thursday. School Has Closed. Many Visitors Come and Go.

The Hardy's ladies had a fine attendance at the W. M. S. meeting last Thursday, held at Mrs. Julia Townes' home. After the meeting was adjourned Mrs. Townes served a delicious fish dinner, which was very much enjoyed by all the ladies and gentlemen, who came to drive the machines for the ladies. See what good the automobiles are doing? The men come to the W. M. meetings, and bring as many as can crowd in, where if it were buggies two would be considered a load; though Mrs. Harrison was more liberal, she had three to go and four to come back in one buggy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison went to Trenton on Saturday, returning Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Hamp Parks came down last week and visited her brothers, Messrs. Willie and Charlie, and Mrs. Willie and Miss Lucile Burkhalter. Miss Lucile brought her over to visit her aunt, Miss Genie Hammond, where she stayed from Saturday until Monday. Miss Genie was just as fat and jolly as ever as we came by Saturday.

The Dothan congregation had a good meeting Sunday. Messrs. McKie and Oswald Scott, John Chapman and Miss Zelma Scott all went up to attend from North Augusta.

Miss Mary Townes returned home Saturday afternoon from her school at Red Hill.

Mrs. Will Briggs and Miss Jennie Briggs spent Monday with Mrs. Sallie Bunch. We always enjoy having them, and hope they will come again soon.

Mrs. Harry Bunch's school will close Tuesday at Cemetery Hill.

Mr. George Townes spent Sunday at his mother's, Mrs. Julia Townes, and went back in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fouche and Mr. Martin Medlock attended services in Augusta Sunday and came home before our sermon at Hardy's.

We rode out the Savannah road Saturday and saw some nice truck farms. Lots of mustard salad, and we hear that the man who has salad can make a fortune now. Every one is crazy for green vegetables.

Hardy's.

Death of Another Aged Veteran.

The newly made mound in the Horn's Creek cemetery marks the last resting place of Mr. Samuel Roper who departed this life Thursday afternoon, April 19. He had been ill for sometime and constantly received the most devoted attention of his loved ones. While nothing could be done to prolong life, yet he was made as comfortable as possible and lacked for nothing.

Mr. Roper was in his 78th year and had passed his long life in the community in which he was born and reared. The people who knew him best prized his friendship most. Early in the sixties Mr. Roper volunteered his services and rendered gallant service to the Confederacy and he was loyal and true to his last day. He was an indulgent father and a kind and thoughtful neighbor. The funeral was conducted at Horn's Creek church Friday afternoon by Rev. Joseph A. Gaines. He is survived by his devoted wife and the following children:

Mrs. J. G. McKie, Mrs. W. H. Moss, Mrs. Joseph Ripley, Mrs. W. E. Ouzts, Mrs. A. H. Roper, Miss Lula Roper, Miss Sue Roper, Miss Lila Roper, Miss Anna Roper.

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